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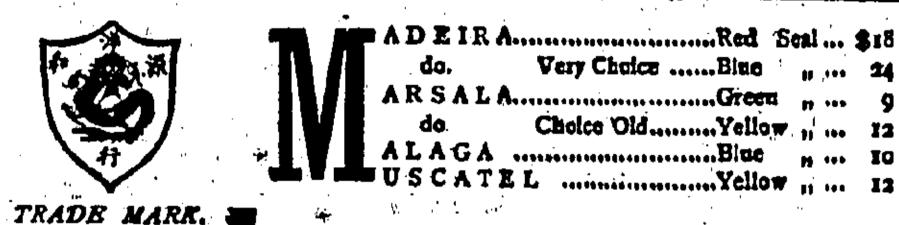
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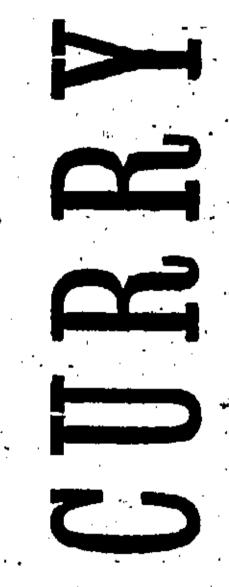
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Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. No. 551. FIRE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction.

to be held on the spot, on TO-MORROW. the 30th day of December, 1897, at 3 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command. J. H. STEWART LOCKHART. Colonial Secretary,

Celonial Secretary's Office. Hongkong, 29th December, 1807. Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held To-morrow, the 3cth day of December, 1897, at 3 P.M., by Office of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Wanchai, in the Colony of

Hongkong, for a term of 900 Years. PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION. No. 538.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction to be held on the spor, on

the 4th day of January, 1808, at 3 P.M., are published for general information. By Conversed.

J. H. STEWART LOCKHART Colonial Secretary's Office.

Hongkong, At's December, 1897. Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Acction Sale, to be held on Treasley, the 4th day of January 1808, at 3 7.16, by Order of His Excellency the Lovernor of Four Lots of CROWN LAND together with Building Material stacked thereon, in the Colony of Hong-kong, for a term of 1999 Years

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To-day's Advertisements.

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH

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Releading to the Companies' Circular of 14th June last, senders of telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st January, 1898, until further notice, the currency equivalent of the franchis been fixed at \$0.40, at which rate all charges on international telegrams from Chius, will be collected from said date.

Tariff cards will be distributed as soon as they are received from the Head Offices. the meantime the new charges can be ascertained on reference to our Circular of date, or to the Companies' offices.

F. YON DER PFORDTEN. Manager-in-China. Hongkong, 20th December, 1807."

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LD. THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY. Hongkong, 8th December, 1807.

HONOKONG, WEDNEIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1897

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The only authentic news from the north a that Admiral Buller, wisely, is keeping his movements secret, and not a soul seems to know what he is doing or where he may make his next appearance. In a time of warlike rumours, this is the very from Australia:best game a careful Admiral could play. The air is full of war-talk; the sea is full has yielded half an ounce to the ton. Shaft has of war-ships, all possible enemies of Bri- reached a depth of 300 feet." tain according to the unfathomable contingencies of the immediate future; and it is well that he should be on the alert and at the same time should let nobody know what he is doing. One thing certain THE buying rate for sovereigns is \$10.18 per &. Is that he is not comfortably enjoying his stantly moving and is not showing the

main force at or near Port Hamilton, and published.

enemy his hand.

In fact has his hand over that stronghold prepared to selze and hold it at a moment's notice. Anyhow we consider he would be very wrong not to do so And in the meantime, he probably has a few couriers and scout-boats here and there, one to keep him informed how the Germans are getting on at Klaochow, one to have an eye on the Russians at Port Arthur, some to keep in touch with the Japanese at Weihaiwel and at Tallen just across the channel, one to watch events at Chemulpo and one or two to spare for despatch duty between Shanghai and Port Hamilton, to keep him well posted on Reuter's telegrams. Shanghai Bunders, Tientsinners, &c. That is about as near an ideal posi-

tion as we can conceive for a British

Admiral at this particular time.

This suppositious disposition of the fleet affords the most plausible explanation of | blood." the numerous conflicting reports daily pouring In. A British ship is sighted at Port Hamilton; at once that place is beleved to be selzed. Ditto Talien, ditto Chemulpo. And the theory we have propounded would even, at a pinch, explain the most remarkable cock-and-bull story we have so persistently as to exhaust their patience and get herself fired on and sunk ! This yarn has been floating about for four or five days without confirmation, so it may safely be put down as unmitigated rubbish. We heard of it as long ago as Saturday, and surely it should have been confirmed by now if there was anything in it. Probably someone has got hold of the ancient yarn of the Agamemnon and Vladimir' Monomach, and in course of repetition from one to another the names have dropped out and the date has been omitted. varn we had was that the Russians lost all patience at being so doggedly watched, and at last put a big shot through the Undaunted and sank her, with loss of 300 lives; a later report said that she had been beached in a sinking state, and now lay in five fathoms, "all hands sale." The last three words are probably the whole truth.

If this is the sort of "news" people want, we can turn it out by the resm. We lay ourselves out for versatility; "Special war telegrams while you wait!" Samples: —

(Not from our own correspondent.) The Pamyat Azova has occupied a commanding position on the summit of Fusyams, whence the Centurion cannot dislodge her, but [15c6 | the Fuff-Fan.

There has been a bloody collision between the Dimitry Donskoy and a whale. .. Very had or the whale. Haven't heard from the said

The Dutch have taken Holland. Queen Anne has not been well for some time. Troubled with worms.

Pekin is where it was, and the Chinese don't know what to do with themselves or their allies.

We learn that the Wuchau authorities have made a resolute beginning at the reestablishment of the Kerosene Monopoly, which was attempted a few years ago and had to be abandoned as altogether untenable under the treaties. Of course, if kerosene can be farmed to a monopolist, so can any other article commerce; and as a matter of fact there have been official offers of other monopolies. For instance, we know a foreign merchant who was asked by officials to buy a piece-goods monopoly at a stated price not long ago, with the understanding that if he would pay them what they asked, they woold manage to suppress all other piece-goods firms. I once it should be ordered to be decanted at | means getting in the thin end of the wedge, whereby the mandarins hope ultimately to SHERRY.-Excellent Dinner and After Dinner | regain | their disappearing | perquisites, stifle the transit pass system, and have their long-nailed fingers once more on the throat of commerce. On the 22nd inst. all imports of kerosene to Wuchau were stopped, and there is every indication that they will not be resumed till the Guild either wins or loses a pitched battle.

TELEGRAMS

("HONOKOKO TELEGRAPH" SPECIAL.)

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE CRISIS IN CHINA. MOVEMENTS OF THE FLEETS. SHANGHAI, December 29th.

12.15 p.m.

It is reported that the British Fleet is at Chusan, but it is doubtful if they are there. The Mercury has received a wire from its [6 Cheloo correspondent stating the British fleet is at Port Arthur, and that a fleet of apanese warships is also at Port Arthur. [The report that the Bridsh fleet is at the Chusans is, we should say, very doubtful. There is, as we todi ated in our lest issue, officers were appointed and invested !-Is well to the north of the Chusan's and prob- D.J.G.W ably keeping a close watch on the movements D.G. Chaplain ... of the Russian squadron.]

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Messes John D. Humphreys & Son, General Managers, have received the following telegram

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

holidays in a "society" port; he is con- THE Local Secretary informs us that Mis S. Mehts, A.A., of Victoria English Schools Senior was placed in the list Distinguished for Religious The most likely thing is that he has his Knowledge, and not asstated in the list recently

THE Grafion came out of dock this afernoon | Mr. HENRY LABOUCHERY, M.P., and editor of AFTER a search extending over seven years. Mr. and atsamed over to her buoy near the old Truth, last month obtained an injunction re-

FOR some time past the Pullce have been receiving complitats from the butchess in the markets regarding the sale of fresh porkoutside markets, P. C. Poggarih to-day presecuted a hawker for having sold two cattles of pork to a boy in a house in Winglok St. on the 25th inst, and his Worship, after giving the defendant a lecture, fined him \$5.

In the petition from Mr. Quong Tert to the N.S.W. ssiembly, mertlened in yesterday's the last clause reads:-"And that where the occasional mixture of Chiness with European blood occurred, there was nothing in the result to follow a more extensive infusion of Chinese

THE Macao Independents and the Hongkong Extremo Oriente and Pervir, publications in the Portuguese language purporting to be newspapers, are filling their columns with long neglect of the primary buildess of newspapers. It would do no great barm if they would annihilate each other.

THE Commercial Union Assurance Company, Limited, issues two date-cards for 1898, similar in principle—three revolving dials, which such show one space at a time-one for the month, one for the day of the month, and one for the day of the week. The two calendars differ in their opinions as to the firm's Hongkong business, one saying Messrs, Lauts, Wegener & Co. (of Prays Central) are agents, and the other saying Mr. W. H. T. Davis li Hongkong manager, with office at 2 Duddell Street.

ABOUT the worst term that can be applied to a man on board ship is that of " soldler," but we have seen in Hongkong that the military affort are not duffers by any means, and the recent storm in England shows that Atkins is as game affoat as ashore. Late papers' state that five artillerymen in a small boat attempted to assist some comrades who were in distress off Shoeburyness, at the mouth of the Thames, and were themselves swept out to sea. They were picked up by a passing steamer.

AT 10 a.m. on Saturday next, the West Yorkshire Regiment embarks on the chartered trooper Felunga for Singapore, and the same vessel will also take from Hongkong invalids and details for England. 'A draught of artillery, engineers and details left London for Hongkong on the 27th ultimo in the freight ship Bornes. The freight ship Shanghat left London on the 11th December and will bring the 25th company from Singapole. She will take the 12th and 35th companies from Hongkong on her return journey.

A SMALL Portuguese boy named Thomas Antonio Cordeiro to-day charged a Chinaman with assaulting him. His story was that he went to a shop in St. Francis Street to buy something and be knocked some soy over, when detendant hit him in the face. Defendant said that the small boy threw a stone and broke one of his jars of soy. Defendant started in pursuit when the boy fell and hurt his nose. His Worship said the case was:a very timmpery one, but he would adjourn it till to-morrow to find out whose story was the true one.

To-morrow afternoon on the Happy Valley new ground there will be a match under Association rules between the H. K. Football Club and Kowloon. Both teams are strong and excellent match is probable. Club in white, Kowleon in usual colours. The Club will be represented b : P. G. Davies, R. A. goal; W. D. Mayson and C. T. Kew, backs; H. W. slade, H. W. Looker (Capt.), and F. H. Kow. halves; E. F. Mackey, H. S. Moberley, H.K.R., A. S. Anton, J. F. Noble, and A. E. M. Head, RA., forwards. Kick off at half past 4

A CHINESE dairy woman, of 28 Kennedy Road, was charged at the Magistracy to-day with having allowed milk to be removed from her premises after they had been declared infected. She said that the milk had been taken from the place without her knowledge. Mr. Wodehouse said that delendant had acted in a very manner. It of course was a loss not to be ab'e to sell the milk, but that was one of the chances of trade. It was perfectly certain that the use of the milk would propagate disease and he would impose heavy fines as long as these cares came before him. Defendant was ordered to pay a penalty of \$75.

THE District Grand Lodge of Hongkong and South China held its annual meeting last night the Deputy District Grand Master, Wor. Bro. E. C. Ray, presiding in the absence of the District Grand Master, Right Wor. Bro. the Hop. C. P. Chater, C.M.G. The following

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Wor, Bro. R. Mitchell and Wor. Bro. H. E. Helle wars elected uncolletel members of the Beard of General Purposes.

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stral log Mr. Henry Hess, Editor of the South Africas Critic, from publishing letters written by Mr. Labouchers to the late Mr. G. A. Sais.

FROM the Manager of the Cementight works at Bowington we have received a neat pocket disty for 1898 containing a page for each day's memoranda and giving pasticulars of the special advantages claimed for Cementight. The prices at which it is sold to contractors and builders are also given and from them it appears that the wholesale rates are distinctly reasonable.

Telegraph, relative to the restriction of Allens, THE Sanitary Board will meet on Thursday, 30th December, at 4.15 p.m. Agenda .- 1. A Return showing the progress of Bubonic Plague In Bombay from the 17th November to the 1st justify the belief that racial debasement would December, 1897. 2. The Surveyor's reports on the state of the house-drains at Blocks Nos. 36 and 45. 3. Mortality Returns for the weeks ended the 18th and 25th December, 1897. 4. An application for a licence to keep cattle.

> succeing phrase. It is such things as this that notice of the case. give the scoffers their justification. The spirit of Christian love and brotherhood that animate; their factions, one towards' the other, is about as cordial and as refining an influence as the feeling entertained by a faithful Moslem towards a devout Hindoo, There ought to be a Society for the Suppression of Sectarian Animosity.

THE Lancasters had their first field day, since their strival here, to-day. - Ato about 8 30 s.m. they mustered on the Commissuriat Pier, 960 strong, and six launches conveyed them to Kowloop. On arrival they were marched out to the bills behind the camp and engaged in minic warfage with the West Yorks. The latter took the position of defenders and each man on both sides was supplied with 20 rounds of blank. The skirmishing gave the "Lancs" a welcome opportunity of atretching their legs and they went into the work with aplendid. spirit. A detrchment of artillery, with field guns, also took part in the shamfight and the roar, of their guns and the cracking of the rifles gave matters quite a realistic aspect. The Lancasters claim that they had the best of it, having the first "cease fixe," The men returned to barracks shortly after x2.30 all rejoicing that they had no more duty for the day, but all thoroughly enloyed themselves. The regimental band played them in and out of barracks. It may be ment tioned that the Lancasters' regimental march in none other than the old familiar Scottish air "Corn rigs are bounte."

At the Manlatracy to-day, Mr. Peirson, a foreman in the Public Works Department, was charged by Francis de Souza, a Sanitary Inspector and native of Gos, with having assaulted him on the night of the 27th its. Mr. Master appeared for the defendant. Complainant's version of the affair was to the effect that on the 27th at 6.30 p.m. defendant's son and two other young men came to his room, in Government Villas East, and asked for some kerosine oil. He gave them a bottleful and then defendent invited him over to his place, Government Villas West. With defendant and his son, witness sat on the table talking and then defendant insulted him by saying that he would hang all the coloured people to the highest trees in Hongkong li he could. Complainant deposed that he said "Please don't use that flanguage or I will leave your house." > For answer defendant gave him a blow on the nose and complainant showed the magistrate blood stains on his singlet. Defendant's three daughters, two sons, and two others were there at the time. Defendant, his son and plaintiff had one glass of whisky and defendant appeared to be under the influence of drink. Prior to the row they had all been quite friendly together. It was through mention belog made of an Indian calling at the house that the remark was made about the coloured race. In answer to Mr. Master complainant said that he had not mentioned Goa or spoken of Gos men being fine fellows. Defendant spoke of complainant not being able to speak Portuguese and complainant said he told him that he came from Upper India and could not speak that language. He did not say he would fight any Portuguese in the colony and he did not use a single low expression or any word that should not have been used before women. He was a stranger in the house and would not think of doing so. His Worship at this stage adjourned the case till 12 a.m. on Vriday and said he would suggest that the parties. should come to a settlement. Mr. Mester said his dient did not deny the assault, but he wished to show that he had justification for what he did. I of the suit,

James Bonwick, F.R.G.S., the well-known Australian historian, and Archivist to the New South Wales Government, has discovered the grave of Governor Phillip, at Bath, Somersotshire. Phillip, then a Rear Admiral, died at Ba'h in October, 1814, Port Phillip (Meibourne) was named in his honour,

A FOOTBALL match under Association Rules H. . K. Colt's H.M.S. Alasrity will played at Happy Valley to-morrow afternoon. Kick off at 4.30 p.m. The following will represent the Colt's :- Goal, R. F. Lammett'; Backs, Tuohy, A. Ellis; Halves, P. Hyndman J. M. de | members of the Community. The petition stated Carvalho. N. A. Gonzalvez; Forwards, T L. A. Yule. Rose, R. Henderson J. Cralg, H. H.

CHUN FU Kiu, a groom in the employ of Mr. ing assaulted him on the 28th inst, at the stables, Garden Road. Complainant said he was carrylog milk when defendant lasked him where a Water to acknowledge receipt of the "Hand- certain carriage had gone. He replied that it book and Directory of the 'Anglican Church in | had gone to Mr. Chater's and defendant struck tirades against each other, profusely protesting | the Far East " for 1898, printed at the English | him on the ear with his fiet. Defendant said deep friendship and repudiating any suggestion | Church Mission Press, Seoul, and published by that he had been engaged by Mr. Kennedy to to sue for and on behalf of themselves heard for a long time, namely that H.M.S. | of hostility or rivalry, but at the same time | Messis Kelly & Walsh, Limited. It is no doubt | superintend the horses, &c., at the stables and on | and the Community other than the defendant, Undaunted had been dogging the Russians giving each other beans, to the almost complete a very handy volume and will be useful to many; the day in question plaintiff let horses go out for This action was brought by the plaintiffs that but we regret to notice that it is marred by the use of gentlemen without being properly unseemly outbursts of intolerant sectarianism, cleaned. When spoken to shout it he was inas for example on page 48, where there is a solent and said it did not belong to defendant's Counsel read paragraph, 6 of the petition and wicious snarl at the Congregationalists, and in pidgio. The plaintiff also put up his hands and the preface, where there is a plaintive lament at | defendant hit him on the ear and took him bethe cruelty of being "merged in the crowd of fore Mr. Kennedy. His Worship said that after Protestant sects," to quote the editors' own hearing the defence he would take no further of the retition and said that what reemed an

> DETECTIVE Sergeant' Scott to-day proceeded againstian East St. resident for having kept an unlicensed boarding house for seamen. There were some 20 men found in the house, all described as "scamen." The first witness called said he had been a house' boy' first, and then he was a steward on the Victor Emanuel A TEXTIBLE suicide is reported from Paris lately. He was unemployed now and did not want to An elderly man named Amedee Macien, who had go in a ship again. Mr. Wodehouse said he to resign the post of cashler in a firm owing to did not consider the witness a genuino seaman, Ill-health, rousted himself alive. He made a big only a rort of nondescript. Another witness fire, stripped, and lay down in front of it. On a said he had been a boy on an American Mail plece of paper parily consumed he had noted his boat but had left through ill health. He, too, resultions. On this he wrote: "One must did not want to go to sea again but was seeking have a deal of corrage to suffer as I have been | shore work, His Worship said he thought that doing for an hour past since my fire was lighted, I this man could not help the case much and and to bear the suffering, knowing that it must another was called. He said his last situation end in death, but it is a long time coming. For was that of cook with Mr. Siles, When on two hours now I have been expecting board ship he was a tallyman; he was only a it. It seems to me, however, that my brain cook on shore. He had been to sea for about grows heavy, my hand less firm; perhaps my two months. Defendant denied that the place deliverance approaches. I feel my temples was a boarding house; it was only a club or besting, but I fear I may be rescued before I meeting place for members. Detective Scott am suffocated. But no. I will die first; if not said two of the witnesses told him they had of suffocation, at least of my burns. I feel my lived at the place and were employed on steamleft leg and arm reasting; my fiesh shrivels up; ships. His Worship said he was rather doubtful my temples beat more quickly; I can no longer as to whether the men wire seamen. Defendant see." There this strange document ends. The would have to get out a license as soon as body when discovered was in a shocking state. I possible and for the present he would have to pay a fine of \$25.

SMUGGLING OF ARMS. While Mr. J. H. Logan, Chief Preventive Officer in the employ of the Hougkong Canton, and Macao S.S. Co. was on duly on the Canton Wharf at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, one of his men drew his attention to a man who was going on board the steamer Power, carrying four kerosine oil ting. The man was stopped and the ting were found to have been opened and stocked with some other oil. In the bottom of one of tins were found four revolvers, the wooden parts of the handles having been removed. The man, who was arrested stated that the arms were given him by a friend to take on board for him. When taken to the Central Station and searched, the side pieces of the handles were found in his pocket. He was brought before Mr. Wodehouse to-day and charged with attempting to smuggle arms. Mr. Logan informed his Worship that the practice is becoming very prevalent and the accused was sent to gaol for three months with hard labour. The printical attacks that are so elfe about the Canton district just now to show that there must be an extensive trade in arms, and as the Hongkorg Centon boats. generally carry large quantities of treasure as the Chinese new year approaches, it is very necessary that the most vigilant watch be kept over those likely to have arms in their passession. The prisoner in the above case is one of those nondescripts called a " dealer," a term that seems to be a convenient synonym for amuggler, pirate, this or cut-throat fust as circumstances

INTELLIGENCE

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

(Bafora His Lordinio the Chief Fusilie, Sir J. W. Carrington, Ki., C.M.G.)

December 29th.

D. Guebay and others v. E. R. Belilios. The plaintiffs, Messrs. D. Gubbay, A. J. Ray mond and A. J. David, sued on behalf of the Jewish Community of Hongkong for the secovery of Inland Lot No. 1381 from the defendant. Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C. (instructed by Mr. Thomson, of Messes, Deacon and Hastings), Case. appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. H. E. Pollock (instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson) for the de-

The summing up of counsel was commenced when the Court sat this morning. Mr. Pollock said that the first point which he specificand on behalf of the defendant in this case ituat. was a technical one, and the point was that this sction had not been brought in any form which was authorised by the law in this Colony. If his Lordship would refer to the writ in this case, which was issued on 25th May 1897, and the petition which had the same heading as the writ, his Lordship would find that the plaintiffs were described as sulug for and on Ba behalf of themselves and the other members of the Jewish Community in Hongkong except the defendant. Before going into the law of the case they should consider what evidence had been produced by the plaintiffs in support of the claim which they put forward in this case to sue for and on behalf of the community except the

Mr. Francis said that it was altogether too late for his friend to take such a point as this. He had tried out the case to the end with the parties [] and course submitted that it was a matter in which if he was entitled to take it at ail, the 12, Dec. 1st, 1,625 1,625 1,625 3,250 point should have been taken at an earlier stage

His Lordship said he wouldshear what Mr. Pollock had to say

Mr. Pollock, continuing, said that if the

plaintiffs were able to prove that they had the assent of all other members of the Jewish Community to bring this action, then his Lordship might say that they had a very full and sufficient au hority and it was not for counsel to argue this point. But this was not the case. The only evidence of any sort which the plaintiffs produced to justify their form of action was the documentof soth June, 1897. That document which purported to authorise the plaintiffs to sue in their own names but for and on behalf of the Jawish Community, was only signed by 31 members of the Community. The document of 15th May, 1896, happened to be signed by lorty that the Community numbered 150 souls and therefore the people who signed the paper did not amount to one half of the adults in this Colony. His submission was that this document was practically waste paper so far as this case was concerned because his Lordship Kennedy, to-day charged a European with hav. | would find on looking at the writ that it was issued on 25th May, 1897, which was some 15 days before the document of 10th June was executed. Therefore this action was brought without authority. Counsel quoted the case of Davies against Rellly in page 152 of Weekly Notes of 6th November, 1897. He had a further contention on this point and that was that the law, in this Colony did not authorise men at the fall of the hammer upon the sale of lot 1381, the defendant became there and then the trustee of that lot for the Jewish Community. said that there it was stated that although he purchased it actually in his own name, be really purchased it for and on behalf of the Community. Counsel then read paragraph 7 absolute declaration of tsust in paragraph 6, in para 7 was set out as qualifying that the defendant would hold it for the Community and would within twelve months hand it over upon reinbursement of the cost. There was nothing in the writ or petition for specific performance. He submitted it was quite plain that the letter of 8th March, 1897, was incorrectly and loosely expressed and Mr. Bell'los had given evidence on that point and showed that he never did agree at any time to hold 1981 for the period of one year at the disposal of the Community. None of the piaintiffs' witnesses, Messrs. David, Raymond and Silas, attempted to show that the defendant had agreed to hold the land for the ipace of one year.

Mr. Francis said that his Lordahly most carefully excluded all questions of trust and the only question that he was at liberty to show was regarding the whole or a portion. He had asked no questions with the view of establishing a trust and his questions were only about the whole or a portion. If the point was of any value his Lordship might call them himself or allow counsel to recall them as they could give evidence on this point. Mr. Pollock-I submit that it is expressed in

the answer. Mr. Francis-It is not in the answer. His Lordship said that Mr. Prancis was right

when he said that he could not produce such avidence in reply. Mr. Pollock, resuming, said that the letter of 29th April, 1896, stated that Mr. Bellilos would hold the ground for a reasonable time, and the letter from Mr. Moses to Mr. Silas of 8th March, 1807, said that Mr. Balillos was holding it at the disposal of the Community for one year. This did not affect the case and so fir as counsel could see he did not think that it made much difference. Mr. Francis had laid much stresson the words "I am holding on behalf of the Com-

munity" in Mr. Bellios' letter to the trustees, but this letter must be read in conjunction with the earlier one of 20th April, 1806. Counsel referring to the question as to whether Mr. Belillos was bound to give over the ground, read a certain judgment and laid stress on the words Unless both parties are bound, neither in bound." He said that there could not be such a thing as a unilateral contract. The letter to the Director of Public Works showed no doubt that the defendant intended to utilise the ground for himself although the letter next day from Mr. Moses to Mr. Silas showed that he was willing to give a site to the Community for the Synagogue. Mr. Hooper was called as a witness yesterday and gave an account of what took place between Mr. Chater and Mr. Danby on Mac-Donnell Road on 16th June, 1896. The fact that Mr. Danby said that he would advise Mr. Belillos to buy the ground north of MacDonnell Road, did not prove that Mr. Belillos did not think of the upper lots and did not mention it to Mr. Danby. Counsel said that Mr. Belillos? letter to Mr. Bell-Irving, dated 31st Tuly, 1806. was of great importance as it had been written long before this suit was commenced. The words "If the Community would like to take over," etc., in the letter of 19th April, 1805, only amounted to a conditional offer. This letter did not at all amount to a declaration of trust and it was an foller which was revokable and could be withdrawn until all its conditions were accepted in proper form, The plaintiffs altogether falled in their action as they could not sue for and on behalf and secondly b cause they founded the case on a declaration of trust. He submitted that it would be the proper course for him to close his argument on these two points which arose out of the pleadings. and it was for bis learned friend, to reply on those points, and it his Lardship was in favour of them it would be an end to the case and judgment should be given for the defendant.

Mr. Francis said that in the first piace sich a proceeding was wholly unprecedented. If his friend chose to argue such a thing it was quite open to him to do so at the end of the plaintiffs' care. The argument as to law must fall to the ground because he should have raised it at the proper time. Fig Lordship said that it was quite clear to

his mind that the convenient and proper course would be for Mr. Pollock to argue on the whole

Mr. Pollock said that he would argue the defence on the supposition that 'the action was for specific performance. His Lordship decided the point should be con-

sidered whether the Court should decree for specific performance Instead of declaration of The Court adjourned till 10,30 s.m. to-morrows

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MACÃO NOTES.

(From our own Correspondent) Mac o. December 16th. The Polluguese authorities having come to

an agreement with the Chicese Government by which free importation of rice from Chinese ports to Macao is sanctioned, this first staple of food is gradually being imported bither. Already its arrival is being sensibly felt by everyone, as the prices are correspendingly approaching the average that prevailed when rice was freely and unrestrictedly imported to Macao.

The scarcity of this saticle of load, due to the prohibition on the part of the Chinese Government, was seriously threatening the welfare of this colony so populous'y composed of Chinese, when the Governor, foreseeing the inevitable result that would follow had nothing been done, acted wisely, with prudence and with the best of results.

Last Sunday was the date fixed for the performance in aid of the Orphans and the Old, under the charge of the noble and heroic Cannisian Staters of Charity. The Committee, compound of leading ladies of Macao. under the presidency of Lady Galhardo, had two weeks ago distributed tickets for this event, In which a great many ladies and gentlemen of Macso took part. The theatre was quite full, and I hear, on good authority, that there will be a good harvest of shekels.

I am glad to state that the Prays, which was so seriously damaged in the last typhoon, is now

The Andrea has already arrived at Timor. That colony is now beginning to prosper under the able administration of Colonel Da Silva.

I am told that two launches under the Portuguese flag a e going to commence running between Macao and some of the Ports on the West River lately opened to Entopean steam traffic. May they prosper.

NOTES FROM THE NORTH.

(From our own Correspondent.) TIENTSIN, December 17th.

"The river has not relaxed its frigidity for an hour, and we are (airly scaled up. Oh the cold ! It's not the cold friends tell us that you can get up by Shanhaikwan; but its cold enough for most of us though it is a lovely crisp dry cold which has an electrifying effect upon one. Now, I am not joking or trying to pull the leg of Hongkong readers who know nothing about cold, but there is a singular electricity in this dry northern atmosphere which is very trying to persons of a nervous temperament, and finds expression in a variety of ways. Ladies twisting their halr are surprised to see it standing out almost at right angles from the head, and it is said to crackle sharply sgainst the brush with every movement. I can mytelf vauch for an exceptional amount of electricity in a cut which while basking in front of a hot fire, was being stroked by its | 4.30 p.m .- Football match at Happy Valley owner, where other hand had hold of the creature's leg, and be was surprised at receiving several distinct galvanic shocks up the arm in question. You may attribute all this electrical rowance to the presence in Tientsin of Mr. Richards, but he has not impressed Tientsin sufficiently favourably to have such an influence on sober thought. Tlentsin his voted Mr. or "Prof." Richards one of nature's mistakes. Myself I rather fancy the royal letters patent attached to his name is a mistake, at any rate I cannot understand how he has attained such a

distinction." It is very curious indeed and interesting the complete change in everything brought about by this frezen river In place of the bund thronged with coolies jostling and pushing the unwary pedestrian, we have a clean clear promenade; and in place of the recking turbid waters of the Petho we have a street of dingy. an I rather lumpy fee closed round an occasional boat here and there, though the majority of the funks are stacked bottom upwards along the farther bank. In lieu of the oft repassing native craft there are now small sleighs or rafts on runners, propelled by a man with a spike at the back, and which glide swiftly and smoothly up and down on the frozen river, with bales or passengers. They are small and light, the passengers squiting flat upon the boards, and barring THE Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer Hakata the fact that such locomotion must be very cold | Mars (Europe Line) left Kabe via Moj for this they are sunning over smooth ice. The skating on the 6th prox. rink is in full swing, and the winter sports and cinderelles are all coming on. Several ships are THE Belgic will be desputched hence for San frozen in at Tong u and the bar, but they are Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inexpected to get away with the first high tide. | land See, Yokohama and Honolulu, on Thurs-This shows how early the season is. Our day, February 22nd, at nom. No. 1 Tog the Talwan his got shut out, and has had to go to Cheloo. Fortunatly she is a fire and strong boat has probably 'sto diffectifp all right. Society is going to I Peking early in January to a d mino ball at the British Legatio . I for one have not the incil- Kansusteamer, from Chinking dance and I a'm not envy those who have Ingraban........... accepted invitation, A Island of mine recently | Wosang visited Peking and has been suffering with Thales...... frostbitten extremities ever since. The train he Oslo engine rot being able to carry sufficient water, Fuping Baldwin engines employed on the line. We still amuse oprielying discussing the

Germans at Klanchow. I was credibly informed by someone in the ' Know" that Germany has accepted Samsuh in lieu of Kinochow at Chica's carnest request, as on maturer reflection she decided the Southern port would cost ber less to fortify etc. But I do not credit the report in the least. In the first place Germany has been to some trouble to fix herself up comfortably in Kiacchow, and il she had preferred any other place she could have had it. Moreover she is not likely I should say with her small force to go and occupy such a central pusilon as Samaub, the very nose of Er gland and Japan. It does not sound at all probable. No, you will find she will stay where she is, under the suspices of Russia and it is intended to take the whole of Shantung and if Samsuh is appropriated by any one it may be France.

I have not been able to confirm the report about the Russians taking Port Atthur, and incline to the opinion that nothing decissive has been done yet. But a panic prevais among the natives in that region, and General Seung is said to have sent all his family and his possessions away, as he evidently thinks it highly probable that this will be the next step. . " ...

Mr. and Mrs. Beendor, relatives of Sir Robert Hast passed up to Peking very recently, and I was told, though I cancot wouch for it, that Dec. 27 HalloongAmoy M. & Co. this gentlemen affirmed he would be succeeding Sir Robert Hart fo the Spring, when the I. G. would be retiring from office. I hope this Is not true ; al hough Sir Robert's sen inlaw fis undoubtedly a smart man, it is to be feared any change in the protectorship will prove a peg on which to hang rival interests. Butwe shall see,

The stone are looking very gay up here, and feles and invitations are on the tipis galore. There is plenty of money spent in little Tientsia I can assue you and there is one establishment, -- I need hardly say for ladies-where the most favish costumes are ordered with a reckless magnificence.

A mail for the south leaves to-night which I am trying to ca cit. We have only an hour or | Com, Tiger. two notice now for mails, which does not leave a very big mergin for imagination. The year will be dead and burled ere this reaches you, or | nist December -St. Ninian. 24th December | Belgel's Brup will oute it no metter when comes to I would wish my readers a "Merry Kmas," -Wally, 18th December-Bayern.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR,

DECEMBER. Meteorological means based on ten years observations to 1893. Barometer30.177 ...

Thermometer62 5 Rainfall...... 1.22

Wednesday, 20'h December, 1897. Chinese-6th of 18th moon of 23rd year of Kwevesii. Jewish-Ath Tebet, 5658. Mohammedan-Ath Shaaban, 1318.

Sub-Rises Bhr. 37mln. Sets 5hr. 21min. Moon-In Equator 3hr. p.m. High water-Morning Ohr. Imin. Afternoon 2kr. 5mln. Low water-Morning 7hr. 15min. Afternoon Ohr. 20mln. ANNIVERSARIES.

1170-Murder of Thomas à Becket in Canter-

burr Cathedral. 1800-W E. Gladstone born. 1843—Gwal'or taken by the British. 1848-The Pope deposed by the Roman Assem-

1850-Second Kaffir War commenced. 1854-The Talpings blocked the Canton River and deteated the imperialist fleet at

1857-Magazine Hill, Canton, captured by the

TO-MORROW Thuisday, 20th Dec mber, 1897. Chivere-7th of 18th moon of 23rd year of Kwong-sü.

lewish-5th Tobet, 5658 Mohammedan—61A Shaaban, 1316. Sun—Rises 6kr. 37min. Sets 5kr. 21mln. High water-Morning Ohr. 59min. Afternoom Shr. 50min. Low water-Morning Thr. 53min. Afternoon Thr. 37mln. ANNIVERSARIES.

1862—Pegu annexed. 1814 -All slaves of the Portuguese Crown declared free.

1874-Prince Alfonso proclaimed King of Spain. 1880-Grand Naval review at Talm-tant-sul, 1806-Dr. Rizal shot at Manila for conspiracy in the rebellion.

MEMORANDA.

To-MORROW, -3oth December. II a.m.—English mail closes. Moon- Chuise leaves for England. 4.15 p.m.—Sanitary Board meeting. between the Club an I Kowloon.

SHARE MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATIONS. Canton Insurances \$ 154%, sales ; China. Sugars \$160, buyers; L-zons \$38, sellers; Panjoms \$5.85, cum cell ; Raubi \$22, buyern ; Olivers B " \$74, sales; Docks 212 per cent, prem. Green Islands \$34. sales; Do. Do. new issue \$181, buyers ; Ropes \$170, sales.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MARLS Dux: Indian (Chelydra) ast prox. French (Yarra) 3rd prox American (Gaelle) and prox. Australian (Australian) 6th prox. American (City of Paking) 15th prox.

THE N. P. S. S. Co.'s teamer Olympia salled from Yokohama for Portland on the 28th inst.

THE Gaelle will be despatched hence on Saturday the 15th Japuary at divilght and not the time previously advised.

SHIPPING RETURNS. From 5 p.m. yesterday to 2 p.m. to-day.

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Aggregating 11,284 tons register. DEPARTURES. Tungchowstermer, for Shanghal Nanyang......., Poochow | Koba Pakhol Terrier " Kobe Канзи Canton Byedo " Canton But GM Canton Canton Patral P. C. Klad some in Rangkok Hongry Cosmopolit....

Wosang Aggregating 10,781 tons register, HONGKONG AND WHAMPON DOCK RETURNS. Moewe (H.I G.M S.) ... at Kowloon Dock

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Lyeamoon Oslo West York Cosmopolitan "

Arrivals. Dec. 27 Halloong Hongkong ... J. M. & Co. 27 Haimun Taiwanfoo J. M. & Co. Departures. Agmis.

IN PORT-NIL PASSED THE CANAL. OUTWARD-30th November-Dlomed, Oanfa, Ceres, Senta, Glenesk. 3id Dec. Benlorie Pingsusy, Sachsen, Yarra, Ghasse, Dordogne. 7th December-Argyll, Irene, Glenariney, Amphitrite, Delke - Richmers, Orwell, St. Ronald. 10th December-Gerda, Nestor, Tanthies, Ataka, Courte. 14th December-Oceana, 17th December-Glingarry, Oceanien,

Maria Richmers, Prometheus. 24th December-Cormarikenshire, Maria Volerie, Minelans. 28th December—Sydney, Marie Jebien, dyspepsis. But why did it come on only in the Com, Tiger. HOMEWARD-7th December - Caledonien. 14th December-Gisela, Shanghal, Sunda,

Oolong, 21st December -Ningchow, Printen,

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirteenth ordinary general meeting, to be held at the Company's Registered Offices, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on Friday next at noon;-

Gentlemen,-We big to lay before you the report and statement of accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1897.

The total receipts for the twelve months, including rent and transfer fees, amount to \$47.711.65. After paying interest and all running expenses and making provision for auditors' fees, there remains a net profit on the year's working of \$11,075,07, which, together with \$2,007.58 carried forward from last year, gives a sum of \$13,082.64 available for appropriation. Your General Managers and Consuling Committee recommend that a dividend of \$7.00 per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$8,750.00, that \$2,000.00 be written off the value of the Company's stations, Crown lease, holds, and buildings, and that the balance, \$2,332 65, be carried forward to new account.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE. In accordance with Rule 15 of the Company's Articles of Association, the prevent members, Messrs. Ewens and Orange, retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election. AUDITORS.

Owing to the absence of Mr. Fullarton Henderson from the colony the accounts have been audited by Mr. W. H. Pot's alone, Both gentlemen offer themselves for re-election.

JOHN T. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers,

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1897.

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS

Tseng Ki was appointed Tartar General of Foochow on the 17th inth, by an Imperial edict, Permission has been granted by the Viceroy for rice to be exported from Canton and the neighbouring districts to Macan at the request of a Commissioner of Customs at Lappa.

The robber was captured a few days ago in an opium divan and a lot of the stolen proper was recovered. The robber in question is the one who looted Yik Hok-ching's house, one of the most influential Senze in Canton.

Famine has made its appearance in Loichow and Kluchow, and many letters has been sent by the Sanzes of the two prefectures to the charitable institutions of Canton and the Tung Wah Hospital of Hongking assistance. A few days ago the gunboat Nam-mo was sent to the above places taking a charitable grant of over-

The gunboat On Lar which was despatched for Yamehow to welcome the Black Fing General by the order of the Viceroy sometime ago, will arrive at Canton in a few days with the General on board . It is said that the General has hired a good number of soldlers in Yamchow.

A fatal acc dent occurred in a magazine at Chang Po, Namboi district, on the 17th Instant 20 persons being killed and a number of others waunded. The accident resulted from the careless conduct of a worker in the magazine who was rolling some powder on the ground and its contact with a small piece of stone ignited the other infimmable goods in the magisine and caused the explosion.

Two informers went on board a Cristoms' launch on the 17th instant, and informed the officers that there was a boat which had some goods on board which it was intended to smuggle. The launch then steamed towards the boat and when [41] they reached it the informers tled the crew and took away all the ammunition and other movable goods. Just after this a native cargo-boat coming down stream met the pirates and was

AT THE FALL OF THE LEAF.

the little vehicles lock quite fascinating when | port yesterday, and is expected to arrive here | Wny do the leaves fall? "Bless me, I don't know," you answer: "I suppose because it is one of nature's arrangements."

> Precisely; but why did nature so arrange? Why not have summer time always, with perpetual follage? What is the meaning of denuded branches, withered flowers, daylight tading in mid-afternoon, and winter's cold and desolation? When you find out why the leaves fall you will have discovered one of nature's deepest secrets-why men die.

> Suppose we try an easier problem. Why should Mr. William Steel have written such a sentence as this ?-" At the fall of the leaf every year I got into such a state that I took no pleasure in anything."

No doubt there are minds, so highly strung as to feel keenly the influence of outward conditions, changes of the weather and of the seasons, and so on. But they are rare, and for practical purposes they ought to be rare. Our friend Mr. Steel, happily for him, was not one of them. All the same he was a miserable man every time the leaves began to rattle to the ground,

Here's the way he puts it's "At the fall of the leaf every year I felt languid, tired and weary, and took no pleasure in anything. My appoiite was poor, and after everything I ato I had pain and fulness at the chest and sides. Then there was a horrible pain at the pit of stomach, which nothing relieved."

Now this sort of thing would spoil a man's pleasure any time of year, but the oddity in Mr. Steel's case in that it always coincided with what you may call nature's bedtime.

"After a few months," he says, "the pain and distress would be easier for a while, but as autumn approached I became as bad as ever. In September: 1890, I had an unusually had time of it. I couldn't touch a morsel of food, and presently got so weak I was unable to stand on my legs. Every few hours-I had to be poulticed, the pain was so bad. I went to bed and stayed there for a week, with a doctor attending me. He relieved me a little, but somehow he didn't succeed in getting to the bottom of my

That may be, but it doesn't quite follow that the doctor was in the dark as to Mr. Steel's allment. He might have understood it right enough, yet falled to ours is because he had no remedy for it smong his drugs. That happens all the while. Still, the reader may ask, What's the good of knewing the nature of a complaint if we possess no medicine to cure it? There you have us; no use at all, to be

Well, Mr. Steel goes to say: "For some time I continued tery feeble, and was hardly able to walk scross the floor. If I took a short walk I felt so tired and done up I didn't know where to put mysolf. This was year after year for six years.

"Binally I read about the popular medicine called Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and made up my mind to try it. So I began and kept on with it for some time. The result was that the pain left me, and my appetite waked up, and my food tested good and digested well; and presently I was strong and hearty as ever. That was three years ago, and the trouble has never returned. (Signed) William Steel, Hambleton, near Oakham, Rutlandshire, Dec. 5th,

Mr. Sicel is grocer and postmaster at Habiston, and his case is well known there. His complaint isn't hard to see through; it was indigestion and it? Let the reader study on that point.

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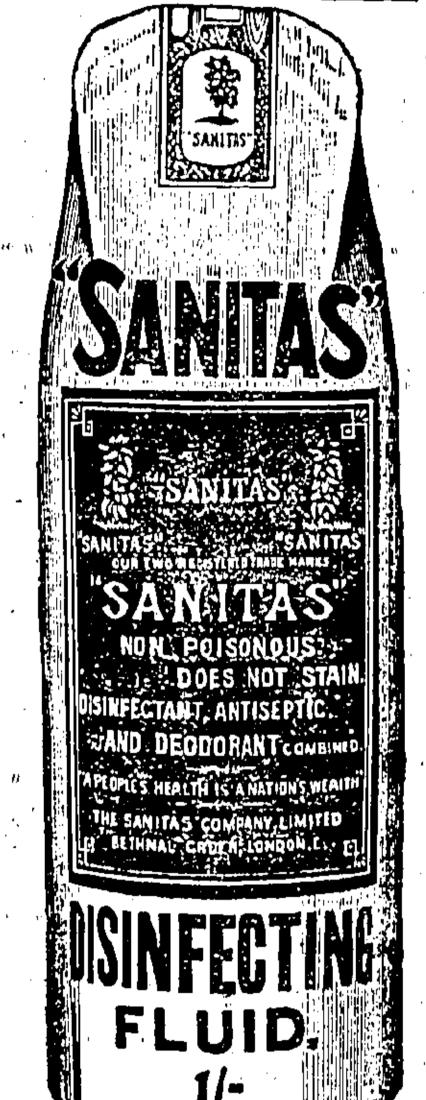
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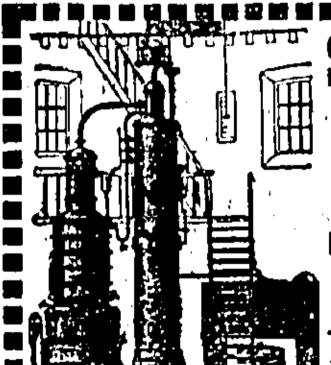
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Hongkong, 29th December, 1897.

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STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. Gaelic (via Shanghal, Nagasaki, Kobe, In- Saturday, 15th Jan., land Sea, Yokohama at Daylight.

and Honolvia)...... Dorte (via Shangha!, Nagasaki, Kobe, In- Thursday, 3rd Feb., land Sea and Yokohama)J

Belgic (via Shanghai,) Nagasaki, Kobe, In. (Thursday, 22nd Feb., land Sea. Yokohama at Noon. and Honolulu).....

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VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU. PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONOKONG.

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at Noon. Yokohama and Hono-Iulu) China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, In- | Saturday, 12th Feb. land Sea, Yokohama at Noon.

Tuesday, 25th Jan.,

and Honolulu)...... 1 THE U.S. Mail Steamship

Shanghal, Nagasaki,

Kobe. Inland Sea.

"CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, INLAND S and YOKOHAMA on THURSDAY, 6th January, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and

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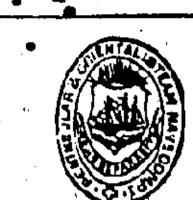
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Shippers are particularly requested to note

Superintendent. Hongkong, 29th December, 1897. NORTHERN PACIFIC

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HONGKONG. FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM

IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO. Columbia | 2,605 | A. Gow..... | Jan. II. Tacoma | 2,549 | A. Dixon...... | Feb. 1. Victoria | 3,167 | J. Panton, R.N.R... | Feb. 22. Olympia | 1,691 | Dobson | Mar. 15.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,

IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION:)

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MAILS, PASSENGRS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noow on SATURDAY, the 1st Jan. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. OR MONDAY the 3rd Jan., and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the and Jan. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than

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